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305th Quartermaster Co. deploys to OIF



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Keep training tough, realistic

Team 19, as we prepare ourselves for Ulchi Focus Lens '05; I want to take a moment to reflect on our task at hand. Each and every one of you has a critical role in defending the Korean peninsula and ensuring peace and stability for generations to come.



**Brig. Gen.
Timothy P. McHale**

The best way to ensure our success is through mission focus and Soldier readiness. We must all be prepared to "fight tonight," and we do that through a tough, rigorous and realistic training program.

Training is the foundation of everything we do.

Training is what prepares us for whatever mission we may be tasked to accomplish and ensures that our team

maintains the highest levels of proficiency and readiness for real-world contingencies.

We must maintain our readiness posture to deploy, engage and destroy the enemies of our great nation. Sergeant's time training, live fire exercises, simulation exercises and physical fitness are some of the key aspects that help us to maintain our warfighting skills and proficiencies.

Make each moment count and reflect upon our lessons learned so that you are better prepared to accomplish your critical tasks. Learn from one another, subordinates and superiors alike, as we are all responsible for successful mission accomplishment. Don't forget to incorporate your civilian employees into your training programs and learn from their experiences, as they are the conduit that link our past to the present.

Finally, remember the importance of our KATUSA Soldiers. These Soldiers were critical in the defense of Korea 53 years

ago, and they are critical to our combat operations today. The more we are able to learn from our diverse Army culture, the more that we can prepare for the rigors and complexities of combat.

The ROK- US alliance is the foundation and core in which we base our mission. This alliance is as strong as it has ever been, and this alliance is critical to ensuring freedom here.

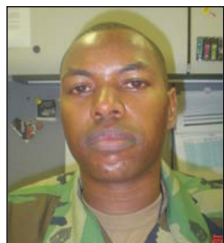
So, I want you to remember that your ability to maintain mission focus is vital to our role here in Korea. You are making a difference in the lives of future generations to come.

Your service is a noble service and I am proud of each and every one of you. So, reflect on your many accomplishments as we continue to train and maintain the peace that those generations before you solidified on this ancient land.

Team 19, yours is a cause of justice. Gachi Gap sida.

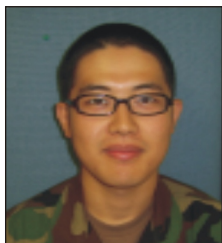
Team 19 talks ...

What can be done to make training more realistic?



If leaders had a better understanding of all the training assets available to help them train better in Korea, they could get more realistic training for their Soldiers.

1st Sgt. Rashan J.
Mitchell
65th Ordnance Co.



Use real ammunition during sergeant's time training.

It would be better if there was a monthly schedule to prepare Soldiers to be mentally ready. Also, we should add more map reading training in challenging terrain.

Pfc. Im, Seung-Chan
HHC, 23rd ASG



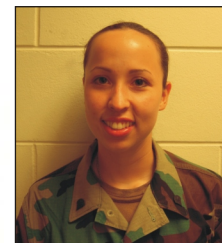
Soldiers should receive training that's relevant to them and that they can use to survive in the battlefield, for example how to react to an ambush and drive through an ambush.

Maj. Rene Jackson
55th TMMC



Training with the ROK Soldiers more often will make trainings more realistic.

Spc. Jonathan Dow
KORO



If we had more survival games and combat training we'd be better prepared for war.

Spc. Maria Corea
HHC, 19th TSC

Outcook, outclean, out-ratio

Story and photos by Pfc. Park, Myung Joon

For Soldiers enduring the hardships of a field environment, few things can brighten the day more than a good meal. And few things can ruin it more than a bad one. The 501st Corps Support Group takes this to heart, as its field kitchen is taking the field Connelly Award by storm.

"The Philip A. Connelly Award was established in March 1968 to look for the best field kitchen at the Department of the Army level. There are three

categories of competition: garrison-large category, garrison-small category and field category," said Master Sgt. Norman T. Carter Jr., food manager, 19th Theater Support Command.

Each major command has to nominate one unit to compete at the DA level: Subordinate competition is held to determine which unit will represent the Major Command.

"The 19th TSC had its competition, and 501st Corps Support Group won the competition. Eighth Army has its competition, and our competition in Eighth Army is between us (501st CSG) and 35th Air Defense Artillery. The 19th TSC won the competition, so

we're going to DA in October or November," said Carter.

As the winner of the U.S. Eighth Army level competition, 501st CSG advanced to the DA level competition. For DA level, 501st will host one sergeant major, one chief warrant officer and one civilian during fall.

"The purpose of the field Connelly is to show innovation and creativity in using the Army rations. The Army has field rations that come in a box, and it's up to us to be creative how we use the ration. For example, we can make a bacon, double cheeseburger from just a burger," said Carter.



Spc. Jay Ruff pours chocolate pudding in cups as he finishes preparing lunch.



on: 501st sweeps Connellys

Even though the Soldiers said they thought their chances to win are good, the preparation for the competition is still taxing.

"501st did very well. They had some challenges. They spent the month of May, the month of June and the first week of July in the field at Camp Humphreys grooming the site and getting the site ready for the inspection. That was the original plan for the first week of July, but the inspection day was changed, and they lost their land," said Carter.

He continued, "So they had to move at the last minute from Camp Humphreys up to the Camp Stanley. And then we set up the site in less than a week. They got it ready for the Eighth Army Competition, and they did a really fantastic job. They worked hard, and they got the site looking perfect."

"It's a good

opportunity to experience how a field site is supposed to be set up how it's supposed to work. It gives me an opportunity to see the things that aren't normally seen," said Pvt. Kenyaro Boyd, 501st CSG.



Sgt. Antonio Harper puts boiled vegetables in a frying pan to mix with beef for bulgogi, a traditional Korean dish.



Pvt. Kenyaro Boyd, 501st CSG measures ingredients while preparing a meal.

MSC-K welcomes new commander

**Story and photos by
Sgt. Hwang Kyoo-Won**

Soldiers and Korean National civilians from Materiel Support Command-Korea, the peninsula's single, general support supply and maintenance facility, welcomed a new commander during a change of command ceremony July 8 at Camp Carroll.

Col. Campbell D. Allison assumed command of MSC-K, replacing Col. Charles J. Toomey, Jr., whose next assignment is deputy executive director for distribution and disposal operations of J37, Headquarters, Defense Logistics Agency, in the Pentagon.

Brig. Gen. Timothy P. McHale, commander of 19th Theater Support Command, said he admired Toomey for his great leadership and great vision while he was in command of MSC-K.

"Every team that has succeeded had one thing in common. That is that they've had a great leader," said McHale. "Col. Toomey was always at the head of his team for the last two years and has led MSC-K with passion."

During Toomey's tenure as the commander of MSC-K, the unit had many successes which were vital to the U.S. and Republic of Korea armies.

"In July 2004, the MSC-K workforce received a mission to prepare over 200 up-armored vehicles for immediate shipment to southwest Asia in support of operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom," said Toomey. "It took one team of two nations to ensure their efficient delivery."

Along with accomplishing the mission of MSC-K, the unit participated in many

community relations activities developing a number of partnerships in the process.

The unit spearheaded an annual Christmas party for hundreds of orphans from throughout Waegwan. Additionally, over the last year the employees have given their off-duty time to volunteer at the Saint Bundo Nursing Home serving holiday dinners to those elderly Koreans, said Toomey.

MSC-K recently signed partnership agreements with two prestigious organizations: Gumi Technical College and Kyungbuk Foreign Language College.

"These important relationships will not only serve to strengthen the solid alliance that exists between our two great countries, but hopefully attract graduating students and apprentices as future employment opportunities become available on Camp Carroll and MSC-K," said Toomey.

The incoming commander, Allison, told the members of the MSC-K team to continue to build on their record of excellence. He said the organization had a superb reputation for providing outstanding logistics support to the Korean peninsula.

"MSC-K has an important role to play now and in the future of logistics support in Korea.

As an organization we must be receptive to change and ready to embrace it," said Allison.

Allison said the priority during his command would be for MSC-K to provide superb general supply and maintenance support throughout the Korean peninsula both in peacetime and crisis.

"Along with the support, I want to transform the organization consistent with future requirements and increase efficiencies in current business practices and ensure that safety is integrated into all activities of the organization," said Allison.

MSC-K is well known for its safety during missions, and Allison is looking forward to keeping the command safe.


"This is an area that we all must consider a priority," said Allison.

This is Allison's first tour to Korea, and he said it's a great opportunity for him and his family members to learn and experience something new.

"I will take advantage of this assignment professionally and personally," said Allison. "I'm going to learn from my peers and superiors on how to be a great leader and, with my family, we can see and learn about Korea's way of living and its cultures."



The incoming commander of MSC-K, Col. Campbell Allison, receives the unit colors from Brig. Gen. Timothy P. McHale, commanding general of 19th TSC.



1st Sgt. Francis Harper and 305th Quartermaster Company Commander, Capt. Kimberly Jordan exchange salutes during the 305th's farewell ceremony Aug. 4, at Yongsan Army Garrison. The unit has since been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Photo By Sgt. Jimmy Norris

305th Quartermaster Company heads for Iraq

Story By Sgt. Jimmy Norris

Having shed the woodland camouflage pattern of their battle dress uniforms in favor of the desert colors worn by American Soldiers serving in Southwest Asia, the Soldiers of the 305th Quartermaster Company stood tall and proud despite the heat outside their company headquarters in Yongsan August 4.

The audience, peppered with dignitaries from throughout the 19th Theater Support Command, including 19th TSC Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Timothy P. McHale and Command Sgt. Maj. Larry C. Taylor, watched the ceremony with a mixture of pride and concern, as they waited for the chance to deliver a more personal farewell to the Soldiers who were about to leave the comforts of Seoul for the deserts of Iraq.

"Many of these Soldiers are on their very first duty assignment, and many

others are combat veterans of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom," said 498th Corps Support Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Lawrence Kominiak.

Kominiak went on to explain that some of the Soldiers in the 305th had recently come back from Operation Iraqi Freedom and were now headed back for a second time.

"When they were informed of this deployment," he said, "there was no hesitation. Each placed the mission first."

Not only was there no hesitation on the part of the Soldiers of the 305th, many were actually eager to go.

"I'm looking forward to it," said Sgt. Jason Henry, a squad leader with the company's Supply Support Activity Platoon. "Some people have done it two or three times. People who've been in Korea for a while

should have a chance too."

"I think it'll be fun," added Pfc. Antoine Hernandez. "It's something new, and I'm ready to get my combat patch."

While eager to go, both Soldiers said the deployment came as a surprise. Neither believed that they'd ever be deployed from Korea.

But according to 501st Corps Support Group Commander, Col. Jayne Carson, the deployment was not unexpected.

"For the past year, the Department of the Army has looked to this theater to help with the enormous stress our forces are under now," she said.

While news of the deployment may have come as a shock to some of the Soldiers, that didn't mean they were unprepared.

Carson said one of the reasons the unit was selected for deployment was because of how well trained the Soldiers were at the time – having completed, and performed exceptionally well on, their battalion exercise evaluation in February and having won the Army Supply Excellence Award.



Soldiers from the 305th Quartermaster Company participate in the unit's farewell ceremony Aug. 4 at Yongsan Army Garrison.

Photo By Sgt. Jimmy Norris

Soldiers conduct Nuclear, Biological and Chemical training at North Star Range, near Uijongbu, as part of their pre-deployment training.

Photo By Spc. Christopher McGrath



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Soldiers train to maintain a holding area during their base defense field training exercise.



Photo By Spc. Christopher McGrath

A Soldier from 305th QM Co. guards the perimeter around his unit area during the company's base defense field training exercise.

Since being informed of their impending deployment, the unit further augmented the Soldiers' training with a convoy live-fire exercise, a field exercise focusing on defense of a unit area and numerous blocks of instruction on mission-related topics, such as improvised explosive devices and Iraqi culture.

"It was exhausting," said Hernandez, in reference to the unit's intense training schedule. "But I think it'll pay off."

In addition to tactical and technical

preparations, many members of the unit had to get the home front ready as well.

For some, it was a simple matter of calling home and letting loved ones know they were getting ready to deploy.

For others, getting their families ready for their absence was a little more demanding.

Chief Warrant Officer Gwendolyn Carr, a supply systems technician, has a wealth of experience from numerous deployments and exercise, which she said she believes will be an asset to her company. Still, there are some aspects



Soldiers conduct a base-defense field training exercise prior to deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Photo By Spc. Christopher McGrath

Sgt. Linda Archer, 305th QM Co., gives a class on treating heat injuries, while Spc. 's Ariel Arroyo and Cedric Mathews act as demonstrators during common task training as part of the train-up for their upcoming deployment.

Photo By Sgt. Earl Rich



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Pfc. 's Francisco Pereyra, Norris Kennedy and Duane Day conduct simulated searches during their unit's pre-deployment train-up.



Photo By Sgt. Earl Rich

Sgt. Jason Washington conducts Soldier Readiness Processing with the 516th Personnel Service Battalion at Trent Gym, Yongsan Army Garrison.

of this deployment that are new to her.

"This is the first time since I've been married that I've had to deploy. My husband is a company commander, and we have a four-year-old. So it's going to be a challenge," she said. "In fact, the day my husband took command was the same day we were informed of this deployment. So we had to start running immediately."

In addition to the 305th's rigorous train-up, and her husband's responsibilities commanding Company B, 168th Medical Battalion, the Carr's

also had to find a nanny for their son and explain, in terms a four-year-old would understand, that his mother would be gone for a while.

For others, the unit's family readiness group was helpful.

According to 2nd Lt. Sharron Williams, co-leader of the 305th QM Co. FRG, the group will provide indispensable support to the family members of the 305th's deployed Soldiers.

"We're going to become a family over here and support each other 100

percent," she said. Whatever members need – they are definitely going to get it from us."

When their deployment is over, the Soldiers of the 305th Quartermaster Co. will return to Korea.

Until then, they plan to make the most of the situation.

"We're determined not to count the days of this deployment," said 305th Quartermaster Company Commander Capt. Kimberly Jordan, "but to make every day of this deployment count."

Soldiers from the 305th QM Co. receive a class on the proper handling of detainees from the 8th Military Police Brigade.

Photo By Sgt. Earl Rich



From the desk to the field



Team 19 welcomes new units

**Story and photos by
Sgt. Hwang, Kyoo-Won**

As transformation continues to sweep across the Korean peninsula, two new units recently joined Team 19. When the 8th Personnel Command inactivated June 15, the 516th and 509th Personnel Service Battalion became part of the 501st Corps Support Group, 19th Theater Support Command.

Although the higher headquarters for 516th and 509th PSB has changed, their mission remains the same.

“To the Soldiers, the changes have been minimal as far as the battalion staff level,” said Cpt. Elizabeth P. Stringer, commander of Detachment B, 509th PSB, located in Camp Casey. “Under a PERSCOM as our higher headquarters, the focus was so much more on personnel aspects, but since there are all kinds of units within 19th TSC and 501st CSG, now the focus isn’t necessarily just on our technical mission.”

“We are getting more support on accomplishing what we need to do tactically, to keep our Soldiers ready to fight,” she said.

For example, the 509th PSB Soldiers recently trained for a convoy live fire exercise, which was conducted with the 501st CSG, June 24.

“Our Soldiers have been out in the field a few times, but they have never done a convoy live fire exercise,” said Master Sgt. Scott A. Lingford, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 509th PSB, located in Camp

Casey. “The Soldiers are doing great. They are learning new things, and it’s a great opportunity for them to experience a convoy exercise.”

Even though it rained hard, the Soldiers did not stop training, because they knew the convoy live fire with the 501st CSG was not far head.

“It’s better when it rains,” said Pfc. Christopher Lee Stevens, Det. B, 509th PSB. “The hardest part of the training is dealing with the heat. So there is less chance of getting dehydrated in the rain.”

While most of the transformation has been seamless, it was presented some challenges to the PSBs.

“Our unit is located all the way at the bottom of the peninsula, whereas our headquarters is located up at Area I,” said 1st Sgt. Tirrell Hickman, Det. C, 516th PSB, located in Camp Henry. “The long distance is a challenge for us. So when there’s a training event, for example a range qualification, Soldiers have to travel all the way up to Area I.”

With additional training added to the workload, the Soldiers in 509th and 516th PSB are busier than ever.

“Workwise nothing changed much,” said Pvt. Edward F. Chonchilla, Det B, 509th PSB. “The training is hard, but it’s beneficial to all the Soldiers. The tactics we learn today will help us later when we move to another unit.”



Soldiers from Det. B, 509th PSB, distribute mail early in the morning.



Sgt. Lee, Arom (Left), Det C, 516th PSB, helps out a Soldier who has questions with his personnel paper work.



Soldiers from the 509th PSB train in preparation for the convoy live fire exercise, conducted with the 501st CSG June 24.

TEAM 19 triathletes ma

Story and Photos by Pfc. Park, Myung Joon

Swimming 30 minutes, riding a bike for more than two hours and running eight times longer than the physical training test is a challenge even for the most fit of individuals.

But for two members of Team 19, Pat Noble, a logistics

specialist working for the 19th Theater Support Command Operation's section, and Maj. Edwin C. Diaz, an engineer working in the logistics and supply office, the challenge of competing in triathlons is what makes them worth while.

"I started triathlons as a way to challenge myself beyond some of the endurance sports that I was already doing—mountain bike racing and adventure racing," said Diaz.

Founding members of the Taegu Area Running Club, Noble and Diaz have been running triathlons for several years in Korea.

Diaz has participated about 10 triathlons; Noble has done 20.

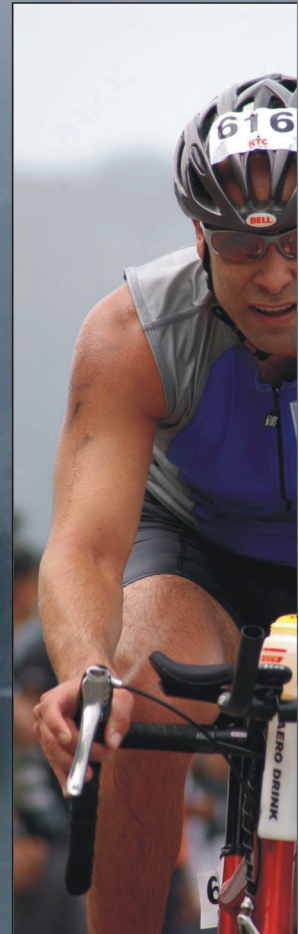
July 24, they once again challenged the limitations of their own bodies, when Diaz and Noble participated in the 5th Korea Irontriangle Triathlon Championship at Cheolwon.

While distances may vary between competitions, the Cheolwon race consisted of a two-kilometer swim, a 90-km bike ride and a 21-km run around the Demilitarized Zone, next to the border between South and North Korea.

"It was a great place to hold the event. Not too many people can say they have done a triathlon on the DMZ. It was a lot of fun, even though it was very hot—97



Competitors of the 5th Korea Irontriangle Triathlon Championship wait anxiously at the starting line.



Maj. Edwin C. Diaz starts his bike ride after completing the swim around the lake.

ake footprints on DMZ

degrees on the run,” said Noble.

Diaz agreed. The climate presented a set of challenges he’d never faced. But, he said, the difficulty was made bearable by the beauty of the surrounding countryside.

Diaz summarized the run in one word, “hot.” “The temperature during the run was over 95 degrees,” he said. “Who knows what the humidity was. I am sure the heat index was well over 100 degrees. I have never raced under those kinds of conditions.”

“But the race venue was gorgeous,” he added. “The swim was held in a mountain reservoir inside the DMZ. The majority of the bike section was also inside of the DMZ. The countryside inside of the DMZ is quite pristine.”

Diaz said he recommends triathlons for anyone interested in endurance sports for a number of reasons.

“Triathlons bring about a sense of

accomplishment. Your yardstick for all of the hard work that you put in is the race. You will get immediate results,” he said.

Noble agreed, saying that as challenging as a triathlon may sound, the ability to finish one is not an unattainable goal.

“Come out and give the triathlon a try. Anyone can do one if they put their mind to it. Work hard. Train hard. Meet people and have fun. See the countryside,” said Noble.



Pat Noble takes his first step during the run proving that his mind can overcome his body.



s the 90-kilometer bike
two-kilometer swim in

From TEAM 19 Magazine

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Expression

1. He cut down on his smoking. - 그는 담배를 줄였습니다.

A : How many cigarettes do you smoke everyday?

A : 매일 담배 몇 개비씩 피우십니까?

B : Nowadays I smoke about a pack and half.

B : 요즘엔 한 갑 반 정도 피우고 있습니다.

A : Really? I thought you were trying to cut

down.

A : 정말입니까? 저는 당신이 담배를 줄이려고 하는 줄 알았습니다.

B : I did cut down. I used to smoke two packs.

B : 줄였습니다. 전에는 두 갑 피웠었습니다.

2. He hit the big time - 그 사람 크게 성공했습니다.

M : Did you hear about kumseek?

남 : 금석에 대한 얘기 들으셨습니까?

W : No. Why?

여 : 아닙니다. 왜 그러십니까?

M : He hit the big time.

남 : 그는 대단히 성공했습니다.

W : What do you mean?

여 : 무슨 말씀이십니까?

M : He is now president of his own trading company.

남 : 그는 현재 무역회사 사장이 됐습니다.

W : Really?

여 : 정말입니까?

3. Lighten up - 긴장 푸십시오, 편안하게 생각하십시오

M : I'm so nervous about meeting your parents tonight.

남 : 오늘 저녁 당신 부모님을 만나는 것이 걱정됩니다.

W : Lighten up! You have nothing to worry about. I'm sure they will like you.

여 : 편안하게 생각하십시오. 걱정할 것 없습니다. 부모님은 당신을 분명히 마음에 들어하실 겁니다.

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상병 최의진

19전지사23지원대194정비대대 본부중대 선임병장 김성현 병장이 부대의 역사를 소개하며 입을열었다.

“ 194 정비대대는 1927년 제8차량 정비대대로 정규군이 창설되면서 그 역사가 시작되었습니다. 1936년 제 57병참연대로 개편하였고 1942년에는 미시시피주 캠프 셀비에서 제47병기 중정비 연대로 개편되었습니다. 그 후 1942년에는 부대가 임시로 해체되었고 제1대대가 194병기 중정비 대대로 재편한 이후 1967년 현 194 정비대대로 개편되었습니다. 1968년에는 대한민국으로 부대가 재편되어 현재까지 평택 캠프 험프리즈에서 활동중입니다.” 약 80년의 역사를 자랑하는 194정비대대는 19전지사23지원단에 속해있으며 총 5개의 중대로 이루어져 있다고 한다. 194정비대대의 인사과, 정보작전과 등 대대를 총괄하는 역할을 하고 있는 본부중대 및 348병참중대, 520정비중대, 찰리 중대와 골프 중대가 그것이며 각기 다른 특성의 업무를 수행하고 있었다. 348병참중대는 제3지역 모든 부대원들에 대한 물자 보급 및 반납 지원 업무를 수행한다고 한다. 이와 더불어 물품보급소에서 물자의 종류별 분류, 보관, 보급 및 각 분출처로의 수송을 담당하며 타 부대에 대한 물, 유류의 공급 임무를 수행하고 있었다. 주임무가 이름 그



194정비대대 성화남 일병과 커릴라 페이드로 일병, 그리고 스미스 코디 일병이 험비에 캔버스를 씌우는 작업을 하고 있다.

대로 정비인 520정비중대는 못 쓰게 된 물품을 반납 받고 상급부대로 다시 반납하여 새 물품을 신청, 각 부대에 분배 및 공급한다고 한다. 또 제3지역 대부분의 부대 차량의 엔진, 기계류, 차량 부속품 등을 정비하는 막대한 임무를 수행하고 있었다. 194정비대대 520정비중대 선임병장 허우석 병장은 “ 우리 520정비중대는 다른 정비 중대보다 더 높은 수준의 정비가 가능한 곳이다. 다른 곳에

서 못 고치겠다 싶으면 우리 중대로 오는 경우가 허다하다” 하며 520중대의 높은 정비 실력을 자랑했다. 곧 6항공소속으로 재배치될 찰리 중대는 소수의 카투사들이 근무하는 곳이었는데 시누크, 블랙호크 등 항공기를 관리하며, 항공기 부품 보급 지원 업무도 수행하고 있었다. 여타 다른 중대와 달리 캠프 이글에 위치한 골프 중대는 다른 중대의 카투사들과는 왕

래가 없는곳이었는데아파치등의 헬기를관리하는 중대로써 이에 대한 물품 보급 및 관리유지의 업무를 하고 있다고 하며 곧 미국으로의 복귀를 준비하고 있다고 한다. 각 중대에 소속된 카투사들의 대다수의 인원이 행정병 또는 보급병이며 520정비중대에 속해 있는 카투사들은 직접 정비를 하지는 않지만 차량점검 및 정비지원 업무를 한다고 한다.허병장은“ 처음에 신병이 들어오면 정비책자를 보고 기본적인 차량점검법을 배우게 된다.기본적인 점검기술을 익히고 모터풀에서 지내다 보면 제대할때쯤에는 어느 정도 웬만한 차량의 정비도가 가능할수준” 이라고 말했다.

194정비대대는 제3지역 전체의 보급및 정비를 담당하며 부대원들이나 장비들의 움직임이 많은 부대라고 한다. 이 때문에 인지 캠프 험프리즈에 위치한 194정비대대의 모터풀은 크레인류의 대형차량에서 험비같은비교적 작은 차량까지 쭉 나열된 모습은 주차장이 아니라 거대한 비행장을 방불케할 정도로 그 규모가 어마어마했다.

194정비대대의 대대선임역을 맡고 있기도 한 194정비대대 본부중대 선임병장 김성현 병장은 194대대의 병영 생활에 대해 이야기 해달라는 기자의 질문에 울조쓰나미 참사때문에 참사지역으로 차량 지원을 나가야 했기에 520정비중대에서 험프리에 있는 거의 모든 차량을 정비하느라 바빴었다고 말하며 그 후 대대단위로 다녀온 훈련 이야기를 꺼냈다.

“ 매년 여름에 각 중대에서 1주일 정도의 개별 훈련을 실시합니다. 가을 즈음 되어서는 대대에서 실시하는 FTX(Field Training Exercise)라고 불리는 야전 훈련을 합니다. 2주일 짜리를 두 번 실시 하고 가장 추운 1월에 역시 야전 훈련인 엑시발(Exercise Evaluation)을 실시 합니다. 엑시발은 상급 부대인 23지원대에서 194정비대대를 평가하는 것인데 시험 성격을 띠는 훈련이기 때문에 이것을 준비하기 위해 FTX를 시행하여 연습을 하는 것입니다.한미연합전시증원훈련이나 을지 포커스 렌즈 훈련은 같은 경우 저희 부대에서는 큰 비중을 차지하지 않습니다. 하지만 각 중대에서 2~3명 정도의 인원이 각 작전 지역으로 디테일 형식으로 파견되어 약 45일 가량 텐트에서 훈련 업무를 하게 됩니다. 너무 오랜 기간 나가 있어 후임들 얼굴을 잊어버릴 정도

입니다.” 논산 이후로 야전 훈련 경험에 없는 기자가 194정비대대의 야전 훈련에 대해 묻자 김병장은 “ 주 임무는 훈련에 필요한 본부기지 및 사무실, 텐트 등의 설치와 참호방어로 나뉘운다 볼? 말하며 훈련 인원이 많기 때문에 설치에 필요한 장비의 규모가 대단히 크다고 덧붙였다. 또 김병장은 “ 모든 구조물을 설치한 후에는 그 주위로 특정한 규격에 맞추어 참호를 판다” 고 말하며 “ 겨울 훈련 때는 땅이 얼어 잘 파지지 않아 고생했던 기억이 난다” 며 훈련에서의 힘들었던 추억들을 털어놓았다.

“ 겨울에도 참호를 파기 힘들지만, 또 여름에는 비가 자주와 땅이 다져지지 않아 참호를 파기 힘듭니다. 참호를 다 판 다음에는 그 속에서 교대로 경계 근무를 서야 했는데 여름에는 비가 오지 않을 때는 덥고 비가 올 때는 흠뻑 젖어야 하고 겨울에는 또 추위 때문에 고생을 하는 등, 날씨 때문에 힘들었던 기억이 많이 납니다. 한번은 구조물 설치를 마치고 참호까지 다 파놓은 직후 갑자기 훈련지 이동 명령이 떨어져서 그대로 설치했던 것을 분리하고 다른 훈련지로 이동하여 다시 구조물 설치하고 참호를 팠던 적이 있었습니다. 그때를 생각하면 지금도 하기 싫을 만큼 힘들었지만 지금까지 군 생활 중 가장 기억에 남고

후에 두루두루 이야깃거리가 되는 것 또한 훈련지에서의 동료들과 고생했던 추억들인 것 같습니다.” 대다수의 194정비대대 인원은 미군과 원만한 관계를 유지하고 있다고 말하며 근무 외 시간에도 막사에서 당구를 치고 밖에 나가 같이 식사를 하는 등 잘 어울리고 있다고 말했다. 또 이들은 유닛투어라고 하여 매년 약 두 번씩 한국의 관광지를 찾아 여행을 가 구경도 하고 친목 도모 한다고 한다. 194정비대대 520정비중대 유종원 상병은 “ 미군 문화와 한번도 접해보지 못해서 막연하게 낯설었던 것이 군 생활을 하면서 적응되었다. 다른 문화를 처음으로 근접하게 겪어본 것이 나의 군 생활에서 가장 남는 일이 될 것 같다” 고 말했다. 자신을 카투사의 대부라고 말하며 194정비대대 선임 하사관 바이론 포웰 중사는 194정비대대 소속의 카투사들을 여러모로 칭찬했다. “ 우리 카투사들은 매우 훌륭하다. 매우 민첩하고 작업능률 또한 매우 훌륭하다. 또 미군들과의 사이도 돈독해 마치 한 가족 같이 일하고 있다” 고 말하며 “ 물론 미군들도 그래야 하겠지만 전국에 있는 카투사들도 다른 문화에 더 적극적으로 다가가야 한다” 고 더 보람찬 병영 생활을 위한 방법에 대해 자신의 생각을 말했다.



194정비대대 모터풀에서 차량을 정비하고 있는 안태근 이병과 리오넬 오르테가 일병, 조쉬 테일러 일병의 모습



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